

REMARKS

Claims 26-31 and 37 have now been cancelled and new Claims 38-41 have been added. Claims 38-41 are currently pending in this application. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant believes that the objections and rejections should be withdrawn and that the claims are in condition for allowance.

OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Examiner objected to the specification and requested the Applicant's assistance in reviewing and correcting any errors of which Applicant is aware of. The foregoing amendments to the specification correct and amend errors as requested. Accordingly, the objection to the specification should be withdrawn.

OBJECTION TO CLAIM 30

The Examiner objected to Claim 30 due to informalities. Claim 30 has been cancelled. Accordingly, the objection to Claim 30 should be withdrawn.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 26-31 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 101

The Examiner rejected Claims 26-31 under 35 U.S.C. 101 alleging that the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claimed invention as a whole encompasses a human being. Claims 26-31 have been cancelled. Applicant submits that new Claims 38-41 are directed to a communication apparatus provided on a steering handle and are directed to patentable subject matter. Accordingly, the rejections should be withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS 38-41

New Claims 38-41 are supported throughout the specification (*see e.g.*, Figures 33-35 and corresponding paragraphs [0465-0497]). Claims 38-41 are directed to a communication apparatus on a steering wheel. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that new Claims 38-41 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. This application should now be in condition for allowance, and the Applicant solicits a notice to that effect. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0855. If there are any issues that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at 404.685.6799.

Respectfully submitted,

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